

25 Years of Ramblin' & Still Pushin'

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS

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First, I want everyone to know we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary as a Chapter, and you will be reading much more about our past and future in this and the other newsletters throughout this anniversary year.

Dee and I have just left the Florida Grande Resort where we participated in the Mid-Year Board Meeting and also the Maintenance Session (MS) Planning Session. These two meetings are always very productive and give the MS volunteers a chance to work on details of our upcoming late Spring MS.

The Mid-Year Board Meeting was very interesting and as you'll read in this Newsletter. The Board made some very important decisions about the Chapter and the 2015 MS. (See below & p. 21)

my last Newsletter as President and Dee as the Data Base Manager as our tenure will end at the completion of the 2015 MS. Dee and I have truly enjoyed our time in these capacities for the last three years, but it's now time to turn those duties over to someone else. My goal was to leave the Chapter in better shape than when I came in as president some three years ago. Although our Chapter faces some real challenges, I believe your Board has set in motion some ways to deal with these challenges resulting in some dramatic improvements. I urge you to encourage the Board to continue their forward looking approach to bringing the Chapter back to a healthy state along with increased membership and numbers at the annual MS.

Some personal goals I set for myself when I came into office had been to modify the process for Nomination of Members for the Board Positions. Although we still haven't had a lot of success in attracting multiple candidates for each office I hope you know that it is open to anyone who is interested. I also wanted to share with our members my concerns about continuing membership declines and to lead the Board in adopting a strategy to ensure long term survivability of the Chapter.

I hope my presentations and briefings on "State of The Chapter" were successful in highlighting our challenges and the need for change even though many of us are adverse to change. These changes have resulted in some drastic measures resulting in new members someday, but they may not be owners of Holiday Rambler Diesel motor coaches. Although it has never been my desire to change Ramblin' Pushers from a HR diesel motor coach chapter only, conditions in sales and demographics in new members just won't support maintaining the Chapter with only HR Diesels. The inclusion of Allied Recreational Group (ARG) diesel products in our Chapter in some status has the possibility to reverse our downward trend in members and attendees at the annual MS. More about this in the article about Expanding Sister Ship's participation in the 2015 MS.

In this Newsletter issue you'll find a lot of information about the upcoming MS with details and information about some of the many activities planned for this year. If you've not sent in your Registration Form, I urge you to send in your Form soon.

See p. 21 for

New Board Decision

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2015 Officer Nominees

Once again Dee and I want you all to know how much we've enjoyed our time in serving the Chapter and you should know we will continue to support the chapter in other ways in the future.

See you in Goshen in early May!



This will be

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Roger

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Want to Help the Ramblin' Pushers?

WHAT: A member to learn the newsletter
Good volunteer job for those who travel often, or still work and can't always attend the MS

WHO: A Ramblin' Pushers member skilled in English and writing, who likes to work with computers.

WHEN: To be arranged

HOW: Call the Publisher, Betsy Brock, 409-658-9357 or Roger Stickley, 1-866-208-7411

WHY? Inform members



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Purpose

The Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter is published quarterly, to help fulfill the:

Club Mission:

"To Provide Information To Our Members To Help Them Safely and Properly Operate and Maintain Their Respective Holiday Rambler Diesel Motor homes and Enhance Their Ownership Experiences."

The purpose of this Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter is to inform members of methods other members have used to diagnose problems and maintain their Holiday Rambler motor homes, recalls, new products, information about the manufacturer of HR motor homes, and the next MS.

This Newsletter does not necessarily share the best way to repair items, but shares ways other members have found to work for them. Members are encouraged to use their owner's manuals, the Holiday Rambler Tech Line, Holiday Rambler Repair Centers, other supplier information and web / phone support to diagnose and fix problems with the best information for their particular motor home.

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See nominations and election information on pp 28 – 29.

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2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)



Message from the 2015 MS Coordinator

Celebrating 25 Great Maintenance Sessions



I'm happy to report we are steadily receiving registrations for our 25th annual Maintenance Session (MS). As we welcomed the Monaco, Safari and Beaver owners last year, so this year we also welcome the American Coach owners to this historic event. (See p. 21) The inclusion of these ARG Family coaches was voted by the Board in the Mid-year meeting; and we warmly welcome them.

The entire MS Team is already working to make this event the success we have all grown to expect. These volunteers are giving their time and energy to make your 2015 MS a success. The Organization Chart (p. 7) with the individuals filling each of these leadership roles is published in this issue. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for giving your time and energy to make the MS an event to remember year after year.

As you will note on that Organization Chart, we still need volunteers to head up the Round Tables. A job description for those that responsibility is included in this newsletter. I encourage anyone who would like to volunteer for those roles to call or email me.

I would also like to say a short word about arrival commitments. Please, make sure you plan your arrival for the early parking or arrival date unless you are on a designated setup team. Arrivals earlier than planned put added stress on those Teams handling the arrival process and does NOT improve your parking location. Early arrivals could also potentially result in your having to move your coach on the first day of early parking.

Again, let me thank those who have already registered and encourage anyone who hasn't to get their registration in as soon as possible. We're working to make this 25th annual MS one of our best events ever. We look forward to seeing you in Goshen.

John Jones

John Jones
Ramblin' Pushers
Vice President
2015 MS Event Coordinator
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2015 Dealer / Service Sponsors Attending the MS

As the time approaches, I am receiving overwhelming response from our Dealers to participate in the 2015 MS. This great group of Dealers will also help serve Morning Hospitality, so come on over and say "hello."

At this time we now have four (4) **Dealer Sponsors (sales)** attending the 2015 MS.

Alliance Coach - FL.

Day Bros - KY

Paul Evert's - CA

Veurink's - MI



Dempsey Brooks
#85414
Dealer/Service
Coordinator

One of our Chapters' greatest assets is our **Service Sponsors** who attend the MS. We are always delighted to have the Service Sponsors participate allowing members to have service performed on their coaches during the MS. They will be located in Building "A" from 7:30 AM until? They will be set up to begin writing work orders and service on the First Day of Early Parking.

Look forward to seeing you at the 2015 M.S.

Dempsey Brooks H/R #85414
Dealers/Service Sponsor Coordinator

2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)

Round Tables Chair

Reports to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator with the following responsibilities:

- Recruit two facilitators for each Round Table.
- Instruct Round Table facilitators in advance of Round Tables.
 - They are to control the session so no one hogs the floor
 - They watch the time so no one question goes too long
 - They guide the discussion so the answers are as accurate as possible
- At the start of Round Tables, the chair goes to each Round Table to make sure it has its facilitator(s) in place, its sound system is working, and the discussion is running smoothly. The Round Table chairman can then attend most of his own Round Table session.
- Complete a "Chapter 419 MS Committee Activity Report" and provide to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator and make a presentation to the Board regarding this Report if asked by the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator. A copy of the report will go to the Secretary of the Board for distribution.



**Open Chairman
Position**

**Job Descriptions
Can You Help US?**

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Coach Weighing - Why It's Important to You

Ramblin' Pushers volunteers will be available **upon your entry** to and exit from the Fairgrounds to provide coach weighing for you. We will be available on the following days:

April 28 & 29 & 30 **9:00am – 4:00pm**
(During Early Parking)

May 7 **8:00am – 11:00am**
(Departure Day)

The individual wheel weight and totals, which we provide, will allow you to set your tire pressures to manufacturer's recommended settings and provide the best ride, wear and more importantly your safety. Tires are an important component of the vehicles drive system that allows these incredible vehicles to be operated properly; so it is imperative that you understand and have this weight knowledge. (*Figure your wet weight. See p. 6*)

For a \$20.00 donation, the volunteers will guide you through the weighing process for *each wheel* and provide you with a form and printout for your unit. This information can be taken to the Coach Weighing seminar where we will complete each section and discuss any questions or concerns. Check your program for the time and location for this seminar.

The donation goes to defer the cost the scales maintenance and any repairs required. Your Board Of Directors supports this endeavor through the mission statement of the Ramblin' Pushers"



"..... to pursue the knowledge to operate your diesel motor home safely"

Without this knowledge, you are possibly overloading your coach, under inflating your tires, and placing yourself and others at risk. Please take advantage of this important service during your attendance to the 2015 MS.

Jerry Davis

Ramblin' Pushers Board Member / Coach Weighing Team Leader

2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)

Volunteering – It’s Fun!

As more and more registrations are received, I’m once again delighted by the number of individuals who have already volunteered for so many of the opportunities we have available. It’s these folks



If you forgot to mark your Registration Form and want to add your name to any of the areas listed, email me, and I’ll be glad to put your name on the list and provide it to the appropriate chair for that job. While the response is impressive, we still need volunteers for some areas. The Greetings team has about half the volunteers they had last year. **Anita Francis** would appreciate any volunteers interested in helping her with this very important task. If you would like to help, call or email me and I will add you to the Greetings volunteer roles.

As the 2015 MS draws closer, all volunteers will be contacted by the chair for that team and given details on what you will need to do, and when you will need to arrive if you are part of the set-up team. The names of those included in the set-up team functions will be provided to the fairgrounds with your specific arrival date to ensure appropriate billing for your sites.

Hospitality will have individual sign-up sheets in the Registration area for all the days and times **Lynn Yeargain** will need support. If you’ve marked Hospitality on your registration, make sure you look for those sign-up sheets when you pick up your registration packet.

For those who have never attended a MS, you are in for a real treat. This is unlike any event you have attended. One way to jump in and get acquainted with other folks is to Volunteer. You will get to meet people you work with, be able to ask questions early, and get the feel for how everything will happen during the week.

Speaking of Chairs for these functions, we are still looking for Round Tables and Seminar Hosts Chairs. Look for the job descriptions for these functions in this newsletter. If you would like to make a big difference during this MS, please, contact me at my email below or **John Jones**, email jpjscuba@bellsouth.net.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to all who have already volunteered. I can’t wait to see everyone in Goshen.



Have Fun! Volunteer for All Hospitalities



May 1 - 6, 2015, at the Elkhart County 4H Grounds, IN. is just around the corner. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone!

ATTENTION: MY FABULOUS-TALENTED VOLUNTEERS and my KITCHEN GOURMET CHEFS
(We’ll have a ball – again!)

We always try to start everyone’s day off RIGHT - with an **AWESOME Hospitality!** Serving up coffee and “OUR GOODIES” – it is the best way to meet new people and renew old friendships.



If, by chance, you are not a morning person but, want to be involved – we have our “**PREP CREW**” each evening, that gets everything organized for the next morning.

Another SUPER time – is our **Ice Cream Social** and we always try to make it SPECIAL!! You will enjoy volunteering for this event too!

Another opportunity is the **Dealer’s Social** & it is always a great time to see all the NEW rigs, the vendors & their wares, along with catching up on the latest information from Holiday Rambler.



The last night we have a big dinner & we’ll need a **SET-UP and WRAP-UP CREW**.

I so look forward to seeing & working with all of you – We have so much FUN!! Look for my Sign-up Sheets when you arrive in the Registration Office during Early Parking and Registration.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

We look forward to all you new folks joining our Hospitality Volunteers group! In the meantime, Be Careful & Safe on those Highways that we all love so much!!

Remember – Get Involved by Volunteering and Volunteer to get Involved!!



2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)

Administrative Activities

Administrative Activities is just one aspect of the 2015 MS including the MS Office, the Greeters, Goody Bags, Registration at the Session, and Evaluation tabulation.

Deb Isett #110773

Administrative Activities

Co-Coordinator

Some of the first people you will see at the MS are the Greeters, the members that will guide you into the Fairgrounds as you travel on County Road 34 / East Monroe Street. The first group will direct you to one of three lines:

- 1) Those going directly to their site and
- 2) Those having their coach weighed prior to parking.
- 3) Those not pre-registered

This year, those who park folks will wear reflective vests to be easily seen. Once additional Greeters welcome you in the parking lot area, the parking crew will lead you to your site. **Anita Francis**, Chairperson for the Greeters, would be happy to have more volunteers

Once you are settled into your site for the MS:

- Fill out and take your "Locator Card" (which will be given to you by the parking crew once parked) to the office area located in Room A, *ECCC Building*. This building is located next to the parking lot where you entered - just retrace your path if you forgot to leave bread crumbs on you way to your site!!!
- In the office area, there is a procedure to follow:

- Start at Treasurer's table to have your Locator Card validated.
- Then stop at the Dues table.
- Take your locator card to the Registration table where you will receive your packet of MS information (including the 2015 MS pin to be worn at all times at the MS)



and your Goody Bag filled with information about the vendors, the Goshen area, and maybe even some coupons.

- **Car Scott** is the Chairperson for the Registration area and **Fran Cornwell** is the Chairperson for the Goody Bags.

- The MS Office, **Sharon Reynolds** Chairperson, will be located in this room as well. At the MS Office
 - You can get questions about the MS answered
 - Check the "Lost and Found" for those items that have escaped from you.
 - Location of Mail Pick-up
 - MAIL** should be addressed with your name AND your HRRVC number or noted that you're at the MS Session. The mailing address is:
 - Your name - HRRVC# (OR MS)**
Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds
17746-D CR 34
Goshen, IN 46528
- OUTGOING Mail should be taken across the street to the Fairgrounds Office not the MS Office.

The Evaluation Committee, Chaired by **Renae Butler**, is responsible for tabulating your comments – both positive and areas needing improvement. There will be one evaluation per unit and will be handed in as you enter the final night's dinner. The MS Evaluation will be found in your MS Registration packet. An additional evaluation will be on the tables at the dinner to evaluate the dinner itself.

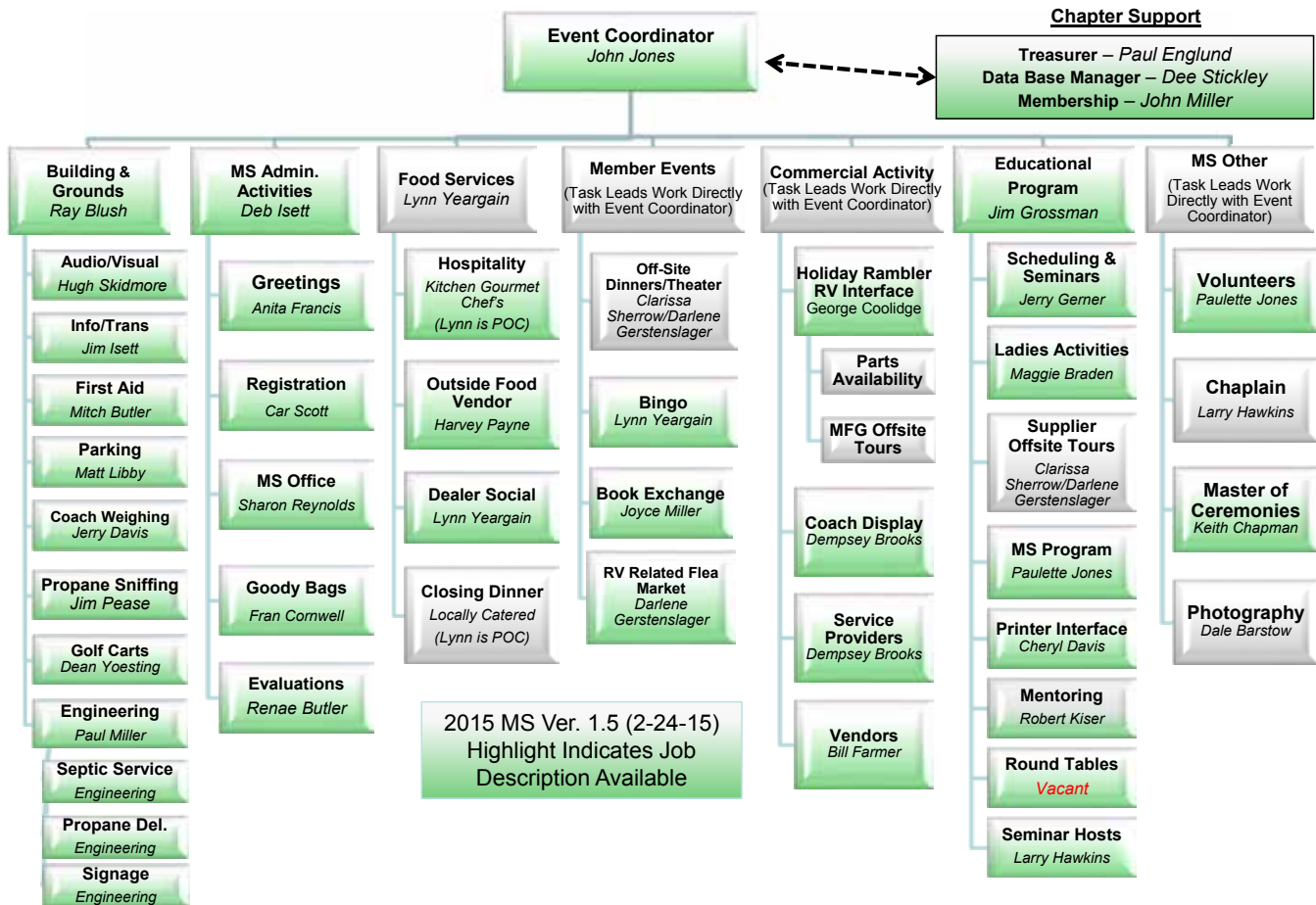
I look forward to meeting each of you, and I hope this helps you understand how the Administrative Activities are an integral part of the MS. Remember, this is a time to learn – not try to do everything. There's always MS 2016!

Do You Know How Much Liquids on Board Weigh?

WATER		GAL @ 8.3 LBS/GAL(include WH & Waste)	
PROPANE		GAL @ 4.2 LBS/GAL	
FUEL		GAL @ 7.2 LBS/GAL	

2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)

2015 Maintenance Session Organization



Decorating Cents ¢

Let's Do It Again!

Just a note regarding *Decorating Cents* \$ for you ladies who have never attended or for you who have attended all sessions for the last 15 years. The S.W.A.T (*Shopping Women At Training*) gather at the M.S. to delight you with a program that is both educational and fun. This seminar will help you to gain information regarding Cleaning (ugh) hints, decluttering, and up-dating your units through the use of colors, design and items that are both decorative and useful. Every year this seminar is different, and this year our goal is COLOR, COLOR and more COLOR. Many of the items shown are available to you after the Seminar's conclusion at very reasonable prices. Bring your money!

This Seminar is only performed **ONE TIME** (1) during the MS on **Monday, May 4th at 9:00 AM** and we have this room reserved until 12:00 if needed. Come to the FHA building (*check your fairground layout page for location of this building*). Hope to see you at Morning Hospitality before the Seminar, then come on down to the FHA building to be entertained. Y'all have a safe trip.



Sarah Brooks
#85414
Presenter

2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)

An Enjoyable Week of Learning Awaits Us!

The Volunteer Leadership of the Ramblin' Pushers spent considerable time this Winter planning for what we hope will result in our best Maintenance Session on record! The 2015 MS dates are May 1-6, with arrival days of April 28, 29 and 30. It is not necessary to get there early, unless you register for one of the factory tours on Wednesday, April 29 or Thursday, April 30. But please do not arrive earlier than April 28!

The volunteer parking crew plans to get you parked safely and efficiently and will be working from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accomplish that. Should you arrive earlier than 9 a.m., you should park in the entrance lot/staging area and wait. Should you arrive later than 4 p.m., you should park there as well and dry camp until morning.

We are offering you the opportunity to have your coach weighed again this year during your arrival. The donation is \$20. And remember, our weighing is all four corners, not just axle weight! Coach weighing will be the same 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. as parking.

We expect a few new "First Timers" this year in addition to our "Sister Ships," other Monaco brands. Please help us welcome all First Timers. American Coach owners are being invited with the hope that we can expand the invitee list in the future to include Fleetwood owners. We hope this will be logical since all the invited coaches are branded and sold by ARG.

Please be sure to explore this entire newsletter to capture the essence of how volunteers work hard to help all of us learn so much about our coaches while enjoying the six-day experience.

2015 Maintenance Session
Arriv April 28, 29, or 30
Parking & Coach Weighing
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2015 MS Book, CD, and DVD Exchange

We will be having a book, CD, and DVD exchange at the MS again this year. So, please start setting aside your extra books and movies you have already read and watched and bring them along to exchange them for something new.

We are going to do things a little differently this year by having the initial exchange early in the Session, on Thursday afternoon on April 30 in Building A. Please check your schedule for the exact room. Hopefully there will be extra books left over, as in past years, and these will be available for exchange all week.

Ray Blush,

2015 MS Building & Grounds Co-Coordinator

Each day will begin with our wonderful morning hospitality. No need to eat breakfast before then! You'll also have the opportunity during morning hospitality to socialize with others, meet new friends and catch up on announced changes to the Daily Schedule.

Four dealers plan to be present with new and pre-owned units for sale. Many technicians are scheduled to be there to provide service and / or repairs for you.

Of course, the main reason for the MS is to help you safely and properly operate and maintain your diesel motor home.

Be sure to review the 2015 MS Program Booklet upon your arrival and select the seminars of your choice.

As you prepare to meet everyone

at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana, please consider volunteering for many areas where we still need volunteers. The more you learn about us, the better you'll understand what may work best for you. We guarantee volunteering will enrich your MS experience.

One example is this newsletter. If you have a hankering for helping out our great publication, editor Betsy Brock would welcome your assistance with open arms!

See you in Goshen, and let's hope and pray that the weather is on our side!



Have an Older Coach?

The Newsletter PDF copies back to 2008 are waiting for you to look at them on www.ramblinpushers.org. You will find many maintenance articles relating to diesel Vacationers, Ambassadors, Endeavors, Scepters, Imperials, and Navigators.

Just because the issue may say it is a 2008 issue does not mean the articles are only about 2008 motorhomes. A variety of problems with all age coaches are featured.

Soon we hope to have even older PDF Newsletter issues online.

2015 MAINTENANCE SESSION (MS)

Amish Dinners and Theater Reservation Form

Each year a variety of Amish Dinner locations are reserved in hopes of meeting the scheduling needs of our attendees. These authentic Amish dinners are very similar in nature so, unless you are really devoted to this cuisine, scheduling one of these locations would probably be all you need to sample this very interesting local fare. This year's offerings for our attendees are as follows:

Authentic Amish Country Home Dining

Wednesday, April 29th at 5:00 pm

On Wednesday, Carol and Henry Yoder welcome you into their home near Shipshewana. This home cooked meal includes all the taste tempting treats from Amish country including tossed salad, roast beef, baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, hot vegetable, homemade bread & butter, fresh baked pies, and beverage. Tax and tip are included. Cost **\$19.50 per person.**

Authentic Amish Country Home Dining

Saturday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm

On Saturday, May 2nd, Elaine & Seth Jones, **The Carriage House**, welcome us into their home near Topeka. Their home cooked meal includes baked chicken, roast beef, tossed salad with house dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, buttered green beans, ice cream with caramel sauce, various pies which will include the popular Bob Andy pie, water and coffee. Tax and tip are included. Cost **\$18.00 per person.**

NOTE: On Sundays many sit down restaurants in the Goshen area are closed, so Amish Acres is a nice dining alternative!

Amish Acres Theater & Dinner Sunday, May 3th (2 pm)

Enjoy a live theater performance in the legendary **Round Barn Theatre**. Indiana's only resident musical repertory theatre company. The 1911 round barn has been preserved and converted into a state-of-the-art theatre with full-scale authentic sets. Enjoy the Round Barn Theatre's presentation "**The Marvelous Wonderettes**."

This Off-Broadway smash hit takes us to the 1958 Springfield High School Prom where we meet the "**The Marvelous Wonderettes**". As we learn about their lives and loves, we are treated to the girls performing classic 50's & 60's hits such as "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," "Lipstick on Your Collar," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," "It's My Party," and over 20 additional hits! You have never had this much fun at prom, and you will never forget this must-take musical trip down memory lane. Fans of the Round Barn Theatre's productions of Forever Plaid, The Taffetas and Sisters of Swing will love this Off-Broadway hit! Cost **\$23.50 per person.**

As a dining option you may choose to eat in the Red Barn Restaurant. The "**All You Can Eat**" **family style Threshers Dinner** features hearth baked bread, apple butter, ham & bean soup, sweet and sour cabbage salad, country vegetable, beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, dressing & gravy, broasted chicken, tender roast beef, a variety of fresh fruit & cream pies and beverage. Tax and tip are included. Our group will have a private room for leisurely dining. Cost **\$19.25 per person.**

Please register by completing and returning the following information before April 15, 2015, indicate # of persons for each event

Amish Dinners and Theater Reservation Form

Date	Event	# Persons	Price Per Person	Cost
Wed., Apr 30, 5:00 pm	Authentic Amish Country Home Dining - Yoder's Homestyle Cooking	_____	@ \$19.50 per person	_____
Sat., May 2, 5:00 pm	Authentic Amish Country Home Dining- Carriage House – Elaine & Seth Jones	_____	@ \$18.00 per person	_____
Sun., May 3, 12 Noon	Amish Acres- A Memorable Experience - Red Barn Threshers Dinner	_____	@ \$19.25 per person	_____
Sun., May 3., 4:30 pm	Amish Acres – A Memorable Experience-Red Barn Threshers Dinner	_____	@ 19.25 per person	_____
Sun, May 3, 2:00 pm	Performance: <i>The Marvelous Wonderettes</i>	_____	@23.50 per person	_____
Total Amount				_____

Please Make your check payable to

"Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419"
Mail the Above Reservation Form with your Check by April 15, 2015, to:
Clarissa Sherrow
1151 Lees Bridge Road
Nottingham, PA 19362

Tickets may be picked up during Registration at Tours Table starting Wednesday, April 29th

Clarissa Sherrow
1151 Lees Bridge Road
Nottingham, PA 19362

Questions? Call Clarissa at
(484) 645-4513

SIGHTS IN THE GOSHEN, IN, AREA

Elkhart County Visitor Center

Location: Elkhart, IN, N of Toll Road off SR 19 behind Cracker Barrel

<http://www.amishcountry.org/explore-the-area/about-the-visitor-center>

Begin Here to receive:

- Advice from professionals
- Free Travel Guide & Heritage Trail Audio Tour CD
- Display of Regional Quilts
- After hours lobby access with travel information
- Hours: 8 am to 5 pm (M – F), Sat 9 am to 4 pm
- Phone: 574-262-3925

Web – www.AmishCountry.org

Area History - Amish Culture

Four Amish men and their families from Pennsylvania settled east of Goshen in 1841. Today over 20,000 Amish live in Northern Indiana. You will see horse-drawn buggies on rural country roads, men with suspenders and wide brimmed hats along with women in simple homemade dresses and



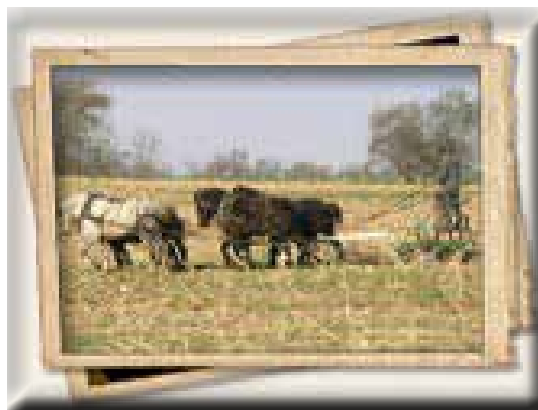
bonnets. Their lives appear quite simple.

The Amish:

- Practice a simple way of life foregoing modern amenities such as electricity, autos, and telephones.
- The Amish faith forbids violence and active military service.
- CLOTHING is simple using buttons, solid color cotton fabric, and no zippers. Adult men may grow beards but no mustaches.

Married women wear aprons.

- PHOTOGRAPHY:** All forms of photography are forbidden. The Amish cannot pose for photos or use cameras. They believe photos lead to pride and threatens the community by calling attention to individuals. Please respect their culture by not photographing their faces or asking them if you can take their photos.
- EDUCATION:** The Amish establish schools to the eighth grade for their children. Amish boys then begin an apprenticeship to learn a trade and girls learn skills to maintain a home.



- WORK:** The majority of Amish in Northern Indiana live on farms, but today few are farmers instead working in factories, cottage businesses or artisan workshops. Amish women and girls often work in retail businesses or restaurants.
- HOMES and FAMILY:** Amish homes form the center of their lives. They gather in each others homes for church services, funeral, weddings, etc. Their faith dictates that they take care of the elderly and each other. So, you may see several houses quite close to each other.
- TAXES & INSURANCE:** The Amish pay state, federal, and county taxes, but typically refuse Social Security benefits. Their self-supporting principles eliminate the need for health insurance.
- HEALTHCARE:** Amish families often try alternative health treatments, but will seek medical care when necessary from doctors and modern hospitals.
- POPULATION:** Northern Indiana's Amish population doubles each 20 years due to the large size Amish families which often include ten or more children.

ELECTRONIC GUIDE:

<http://www.backroads.org/destination-guides/>

SIGHTS IN THE GOSHEN, IN, AREA

Amish Dinners

A number of Amish families serve typical "Amish Dinners" at their homes offering tourists the opportunity to taste the simple fare they cook for their families. Serving the dinners is their business. Be sure to try one of the Amish Dinners if you have never attended one. You see the clothing the Amish women and men wear, visit their home property (*the dining area may or may not be in their homes*), drive through Amish country populated with small and large farms and even schools, see the large quantities of tasty simple foods and the delicious deserts and rolls. (See p. 7)

Explore the Nearby Areas

Near Goshen are more exciting places to visit and explore than you will have time to see. Make your first stop Elkhart to pick up the tour CD which will take you through the entire area giving you an overview of this interesting and homespun area. The CD gives you the history of the area along with places you will want to stop and see. You can start and stop the CD over several days if you wish. This tour helps you get the "lay of the land," to see how the roads run and makes it easier for you to find your way around later.

Be sure to take drives through the countryside to see Amish farms and small stores. Stop to taste cheese at the **Cheese Factory**, fresh popcorn at **Yoders Popcorn**, see custom made recliners to fit your RV at **Lambrights Custom Chairs**, Amish quilts and handmade wooden items, custom made solid wood furniture, unique gifts and decorative items, and so much more. **E & S Sales** sells bulk foods. If you have never seen a bulk foods store, you are in for a treat! They even have ice cream all year. If you want to leave the driving to someone else, you can hire a tour of the area by horse and buggy or a motorized vehicle.

Be sure to notice the flowers everywhere. Each town, shop, and home are covered with flowers.



The Flea Market Days in Shipshewana are usually Tuesday and Wednesday with the Auction on Wednesday. While in Shipshewana be sure to stop at the visitor's center to get a brochure/map for the Barn Quilt Tour (self-guided.) This tour showcases those who have painted quilts on their barns – quite unique.



Sign up for a home cooked Amish meal or attend a play and an Amish buffet. Be sure to taste the varieties of home cooked dinners at local restaurants or bakeries. Keep in mind that many places to eat and small shops will be closed on Sundays. (See p. 7)

Dress for the weather knowing that the average high temperatures in April and May are 57 to 69 degrees while the average low temperatures may be 36 to 42 degrees. April and May get an average of 3.34 to 3.63 inches of rain.

Shipshewana - NE

With historic small town streets, Shipshewana is home to the nation's largest flea markets, auctions and over a hundred unique shops.

The RV/MH History Hall of Fame Museum

Located on the east side of Elkhart, the Museum showcased the growth, history and accomplishments of the recreational vehicle. Restored RV units date back to 1913. Located at exit #96 on the Indiana Toll Road (I - 80/90) and shows a fascinating look at RV history. See Mae West's 1931 House Car.

Ruthmere Mansion

Guided tours Tues. to Sat. 10 am to 3 pm give you a wonderful view of the restored home that once was the centerpiece of Elkhart Society with Tiffany lamps and Rodin sculptures. <http://www.ruthmere.org/>

National New York Central Railroad Museum

Housed in the rail yard at Elkhart, one of America's largest, is the National New York Central RR Museum. The rolling stock and engines will take you back to the days when locomotives were symbols of progress and ambassadors of good will across America.

Greenfield Mills, Inc.

Arrange for a one hour tour of Indiana's oldest commercial water-powered flour mill and two hydro-electric generators that provide electricity to a dozen customers in and around Howe, IN. The mill bags eleven different kinds of pancake mix such as peaches & cream and blackberry.

Elkhart County Historical Museum

Visit the thirteen display areas of one of the top ten local history museums in Indiana – the Elkhart County Historical Museum in Bristol, IN, in the county's first consolidated school. It is also the county archives and working genealogy museum.

Studebaker National Museum & Center for History

These two museums next to each other in South Bend, IN, offer a two for one admission fee – two museums for one price. (Con't. on p. 12)

(Con't. from p. 11)

<http://www.studebakermuseum.org/>

Hostetler's Hudson Museum (South Bend)

Stroll leisurely through the showroom of beautiful Hudson vehicles. A "must see."

Menno-Hof (Shipshewana)

Get a glimpse into the life and history of the Amish and Mennonites with multi-image presentations and historical environments –educational and hands-on.

Power Gear Control Box

I am newbie to Rving here. I recently purchased a '03 HR Endeavor 38PST. I have experienced a problem with the manual "Power Gear" hydraulic leveling system. When trying to operate the jacks, I can hear the pump running and the power light is on, but the jacks do not move. I found a great trouble shooting guide "on line" however the next step in trouble shooting calls for checking the fuses on the power gear "control box", the problem is I cannot find the control box to check the fuses! I found the hydraulic unit (behind drivers side rear tire), checked the oil level and the inline fuse there, but next I need to find the "control box".

I have looked below the touch pad in the driver side console, in the outside storage panel below the driver's side window where all of the fuses are located, under the front cap, top ceiling of storage compartments but no control box to be found. I feel it is something simple (like a fuse) and would like to check it out myself before having to bring it to the shop. Any help locating the control box would be appreciate.

David, '03 Endeavor

Here are a couple of places to look on your '03 Endeavor for the Power Gear control. It may be up under the dash. That is where it was located on my '00 Endeavor. It is a printed wiring board and not easy to find. It also can be mounted in the plastic box inside the battery compartment that is mounted on the back wall. Usually this is the slide-out board but may also contain the jack control.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

I would call Monaco Tech Support (877-466-6266 – have your coach number available-see p.23, as they often have data more specific to different coaches/years.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-Moderator

Good news, I found it, left side on firewall under dash as described. Thanks guys, it was hidden behind everything. Bad news, it has 12 v power. Back to the drawing board.

Landry, '03 Endeavor

I had a similar problem on a '02 Endeavor. It was difficult to get to the Power Gear control box that was under the dash, drivers side. When I finally got it out, I reset all of the connections in the box, i.e. disconnected and then reconnected them – that seemed to solve the problem. I reinstalled the box in a lower position so it would be easier to take it out in the future if necessary. I also replaced the switches on the side dash next to the driver's seat – a reasonably cheap task.

I also had a corrosion issue on the wiring that connected to the pumps – these were in the rear, inside the compartment for cooling the A/C. Suggest you check that out too.

Bob, '05 Endeavor

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Splendide Washer Not Spinning

We have a Splendide washer that has worked well for us for about 2 years. Now it will not spin. When it gets to the spin portion of the cycle it starts to slowly click around the dial but the drum does not move. Any ideas? This thing is not easy to work on. Very tight fit.
Dexter, '03 Imperial

If the dial is continuing to rotate you have a potential problem with the main control board. I had to replace mine last summer. You probably need to contact the Splendide importer Westland Sales in Oregon. There information is here:

<http://www.splendide.com/support.htm>

They are very helpful. I had to pull mine out and then check some wiring connections after determining the wiring was okay they recommended replacing the board. The board had a burned connector. So you order the new board get the replacement connectors also. I didn't and had to do a second shipment. They will e-mail you the repair and troubleshooting guide. The board is about \$350.
Larry, 05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

Check your manual or there is one in our files section

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ramblin_pushers/files

Is the unlock light flashing? If so that is a fault code that will help you find the problem. I suspect your drain line may be blocked but the fault code will tell you more accurately. When you go into the spin cycle the unit is also draining the water. I once had a small nail that got into the line and it prevented the pump motor from spinning. Removed the nail and works great.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-Moderator

Once again thanks the help. This group is such a resource. The flash code tells me the drain line is blocked. Raining right now but when it is drier I will have to look into how to get at it to open it up. Thanks again.

Dexter, '03 Imperial

Thanks to everyone for the tips! Problem solved. Checked the filter in the lower right corner of the washer and found a 'doogie bag' left in someone's pocket had lodged there and was clogging the drain line. Glad it did not get lodged further down because this was pretty easy to get out. Other than a water cleanup appears everything is now operating normally. Thanks to everyone for their help!

Dexter, '03 Imperial



Coaches in line for parking at Goshen.

Power Gear Three Jack System - Not Stable

We recently purchased an '08 Endeavor w/ 3 point Power Gear Leveling system [engine running required during leveling]. I have tried dumping air completely, then auto-level , w/ engine running and air builds up. I then also dumped air while auto-leveling. This seemed to solve air problem but the coach, although level is not as stable as the '03 Endeavor (w/4 point leveling.) Is the 3 point going to be inherently less stable? We are coming to the M.S. but would appreciate any advice I can get now.

Larry, '08 Endeavor

Check your manual. I have an '08 Ambassador but I think our systems should be the same. To operate the jacks:

- 1) Turn the ignition switch to on but do not start the engine.
- 2) Lower the air - Are you lowering the air to about 40 psi before putting the jacks down? That will make sure that you are not on the air bags and should add some stability. I usually dump air with the key in the accessory position so I don't have to listen to the low air warning.
- 3) When the hiss gets quieter, I check to see if the pressure is about 40 and then change the key to the ignition position and turn on the jack system.
- 4) That may solve your initial problems.
- 5) I don't know if you use auto or manual but make sure all of the jacks are firmly on the ground. I suspect the 3 jack system is slightly less stable than a 4 jack one

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-Moderator

You might want to try leveling with the ignition key in the on position without starting the engine. This prevents the build up of air while trying to bump the air bags. As for the 4 vs 3 jacks, in most systems with four hydraulic rams (jacks), the front two are fed pressurized fluid by means of one hydraulic line with a TEE between the two jacks. The fluid forces both jacks to extend until either one encounters resistance such as touching the ground. Once both jacks have reached resistance, then both will extend to raise the front of the coach evenly. Side to side leveling is then accomplished using the individual rear jacks. The two front jacks now act as one by allowing the fluid to pass back and forth from jack to jack through the TEE.

Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

Let air down with switch pushed backwards. Then just turn the key on. Do not start engine. Turn the key on and push auto level. Wait 'till the green light is steady. Turn off the switch.

Bill & Betty, '06 Endeavor

Further stability in the 3 point system can be achieved by switching into manual mode and raising the jacks slightly higher. Per the manual, the coach should not running (will build air) while leveling. The ignition should be in the "on" position. Early on, I did not allow the auto leveling system enough time to complete all of its cycle. When it is finished, the green auto level light in the center of the leveler panel will illuminate. I will also point out that I often will switch to manual mode and adjust as needed, usually a little on the left or right, depending. The swing of our bathroom door or medicine cabinet door can easily tell when we're level.

Tom, '08 Endeavor

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Removing Sharp Microwave/ Convection Oven

My Sharp microwave/convection oven just stopped working on the microwave side. Display, convection still working fine. Have unplugged, disconnected at the breaker, but cannot get it to work.
Chip, '02 Endeavor

I have had the microwave in my '99 Endeavor repaired. Sharp model R-1850. Model number inside the door. You could check online with Sharp maybe, your microwave tube that creates the RF cooking energy has probably failed. I believe the convection side can work without the microwave side working, if you are on the road, but not quickly fixed. Remember when we were kids and one of the TV tubes failed? Most likely same thing. The bugaboo about it is if mounted in the slide out, like mine, it's a little cranky to remove and then be prepared for a 400 dollar repair and a week or so waiting for parts and the repair bill if you take it into an appliance repair shop that services the Sharp. About 40+ pounds and definitely not a one man removal job for lifting in place while removing the screws.

If you find a substitute that fits and mounts please advise because I am not repairing a 2nd time, just buy another new but the mounting is the difficult part. Hope this helps
Ed, '99 Endeavor

The build sheet for our '06 Endeavor lists a Sharp model 1870. At some point that had been replaced with a Frigidaire conv/microwave. We just bought an over-the-range GE Profile unit to replace that one. We haven't installed it yet but it should be fine. All of the similar items we looked had almost identical case dimensions: 30" or slightly less wide, about 16" tall, and about 18" deep.

I'd suggest that you measure the existing conv/micro and shop around for a replacement. The GE was right at \$600 but had features the primary user liked. Here's the item at Home Depot.

<http://www.homedepot.com/p/GE-Profile-1-7-cu-ft-Over-the-Range-Convection-Microwave-in-Stainless-Steel-with-Sensor-Cooking-PVM9179SFSS/204478534>

There are a number of similar items available at lower and higher price points. If Ed's estimate of \$400 for repairs is good, then it might be worth the difference to get a new one. Installation isn't difficult but might involve some shimming or trimming. All of the electrical connections should already be there, so it's just a woodworking project. Fun!
Roger, '06 Endeavor

Might wish to look here. Is where we buy the Samsung 197 fridge. No tax, 10 day free shipping, match any price.

<http://www.ajmadison.com/b.php?Ntt=microwaves>
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Find - It - Now Parts Warehouse

<https://rvparts.argrv.com>

Need parts for your coach? Get OEM parts here.

(See p. 26 for more info)

Talked to a appliance repair shop today who said they cannot get parts any longer for Sharp microwaves. I have the Good Sam Extended warranty, so will contact them tomorrow to see what they will do.

Unfortunately I'm the guilty one who ran the Microwave without anything in it. I'll start the removal tomorrow. Had visions of having to replace it.
Chip, '02 Endeavor

Once you can see where the problem might be, you should search the Internet for the part. Most Sharp Micro/Convection units have a large supply of parts still on the Internet. The only fuse I know of in the unit if for the AC power input. If it was blown, nothing would work.

I have taken many of these unit out; and you need to be careful because it is heavy and hangs on a lip at the lower back. Look for additional screws that HR/Monaco might have installed to hold the unit. Many have screws at the top (behind the grill) into the side cabinets. Some have extra screws in the bottom area (after removing the filter screens) that are very hard to see that go into the side cabinets.

Art, '05 Imperial

Sharp also makes and provides for a back panel mounting only. There was no cabinet above the MW in my '04 Endeavor and you sure would not want screws through the slide out roof. There were long bolts starting in the lower front corners and extending to the upper back corners to the wall mounted panel. There were a few screws in the lower back section that prevented the back of the MW from moving up/down.

The other issue that has to be addressed regardless of how the MW is mounted is adequate mounting for a MW bouncing down the road. For a cabinet mounting the cabinet itself has to be much more secure.

My '04 back panel Sharp MW mount had a number of screws in the wall. I have no doubt that they were secured in metal.

Bob, '09 Scepter

All the Sharp MW's have the long bolts that angle up to the back panel. When there is a cabinet above then Sharp recommends and makes provisions for two screws to come down from above for extra stability.
Bill

You're right on the money about that. This is in the slide and was installed before they put the metal box around it. Screwed in from the top with no way to get to heads. Suppose I could just cut them off if I could get a saw in there. I was able to get access to the electronics from the right front by removing the touchpad. Found the gray fuse and it tests fine. From what I've read here, it sounds like the Magnetron tube. Think I will start looking for a replacement. Very much appreciate your help.

Chip, '02 Endeavor

Normally there is a wood filler board above the microwave. On most units there is only Velcro holding

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the board in. I have been able to pry the board out and access the screws.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

There is a decorative board above the microwave that I was able to remove. Then there is another board with 3 screws, that I was able to remove. Behind that is the metal box that surrounds the entire slide. I can't find any way to get to the screw heads.

Chip, '02 Endeavor

The weight of a new R-1875 is about 71 pounds, very close to the R-1850 I will bet. Careful lifting out.

Ed, Co-Moderator

It's the same set up as yours, R- 1850. I started the removal process and found that Monaco had put two screws down through the top with the heads covered by the slide box and totally unreachable. I was able to get access to the electronics from the right front by removing the touchpad. Found the gray fuse and it tests fine. From what I've read here, it sounds like the Magnetron tube. Think I will start looking for a replacement. I'll let you know what I find but it will be awhile. We won't be near and appliance store for about a month.

Chip, '02 Endeavor

Loose Microwave

I was checking for a lost item and ran my hand over the spice shelf above the microwave. Found both of the screws that go through the shelf into the top front of the microwave quite loose. Took at least 20 turns on a stubby phillips to snug them up. Hoping that will reduce the rattle in the micro going down the road and when it was used. Something to check out - my unit is a 2011 Endeavor 43 DFT - full wall slide bath and a half.

Tom, '11 Endeavor

Growling Microwave/Convection

Yesterday our Sharp convection microwave started making a terrible growling noise and stopped working on the microwave mode.. I have replaced quite a few built in microwaves, the only thing I am worried about is we have xantrex 458 inverter charger and how new microwaves work with old inverters. I would like to know what brand and models of convection microwaves have been used successfully by others or if I don't need to worry about msw and new microwaves?
Mike

To save you a lot of grief, replace your Sharp MW with another Sharp Carousel II MW. The new version of the Sharp MW will work fine with your Xantrex 458 Inverter/charger. That is the combination that I am using. BTW, the Xantrex 458 is not the original Inverter in your coach.

An alternative is the 120 vac version of the GE Advantium MW/convection oven. It will fit in the same spot, cost a little more but the mounting is different.
Bill

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We just had a GE Advantium (MDL CSA1201) oven installed and the door opens fine. I just looked and it is up against the back wall with no "build out", with a high ceiling . It fit exactly into the opening where the Sharp had been with no need for any wood work at all. There is no slide in the front on the passenger side so it is NOT installed in a slide. It did require screws into the top and different back plate which is in the box along with the Advantium. We had the exterior vent installed at the same time.

Dave

Sharp Microwave/Convection- Only Cooks for 59 Sec.

My Sharp convection/microwave (mod. R-1870) has started acting up. The timer will only count down for 59 seconds before stopping. Pressing start again will continue timing for an additional 59 seconds. I can continue pressing start until the timer runs out. Problem exists in both micro and convection mode. Has anyone else encountered this problem? Is there a chance of repairing this 20 yr. old unit? Also, I cannot find any obvious way to dismount the unit, but I'm sure I'm missing the obvious.

Larry, '04 Endeavor

It is most likely a damper motor

<http://www.searspartsdirect.com/partsdirect/part-number/RMOTDA256WRZZ/57/528?bit=10>

They cost about \$30. Put the part number in a google search and you will find alternate sources. Not hard to install but you need to remove the Microwave and take off the outer cover.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-moderator

That fixed my Sharp. I got it out and repaired it by myself, BUT, I had to get help to put it back up. Awkward and the two diagonal long bolts were a blind install on my coach. It is not so obvious.

- 1) First remove the two silver vent grates on the bottom of the microwave. You will see a 5/16" bolt toward the front on both sides. These are the ones I had the most fun trying to get back in. They come out easily
- 2) In the cabinet above the microwave, there is nothing visible. The floor of this cabinet was stapled in place and it needs to be removed. I could not get mine out without destroying it. Once it is out, you will see two screws/bolts with washers. Caution, when you remove these, the microwave will fall out.

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- 3) I cut a thin oak piece to replace the floor of the cabinet I destroyed, but I cut the piece in half and did not staple it back in, just in case I ever have to do it again.

Bob, '05 Ambassador

My Endeavor does not have a cabinet above the oven. My kitchen is in the curbside slide and the oven is within an inch of the ceiling. Does anyone know if the oven is fastened at the top? Bob, thanks for the info on the bottom screws.

Larry, '04 Endeavor

It seems every model coach is different. Even with no cabinet above, mine had two screws hidden behind a blank panel with no visible signs of how to remove the panel. With a little poking and prodding (some harder than others) I was able to twist the panel and remove the screws. Others have indicated that there were screws through the adjacent cabinet walls into the Microwave.

The Microwave unit is hinged at the rear bottom of the unit in a channel which is part of the back mounting plate on the wall. When you remove the two long bolts located inside the vent filters, be sure to have help holding the Microwave as it will fall if there are no other restraining screws holding it.

Ed, '05 Endeavor

The '04 Endeavor might not have the problem with the floor a cabinet above it. Before removing the two long screws from below the microwave, look through the bottom filter area to the side of the microwave, sometimes HR tech's put screws into the side cabinet (one side or on both sides). The other location to look for additional screws is at the top after removing the top grill (if it is removable). That is also where the HT tech's put screws into the side cabinet.

Once you know where the extra screws are located you can begin the removal process.

- 1) Either removing the extra screws first or the long bolts on the bottom.
- 2) The microwave is mounted on a panel and the unit sits on the lower edge of the panel (just like in a home installation).
- 3) Once all the screws are moved, you can rotate the unit away from the wall (from the top) and then lift it off the lower edge. The unit is heavy and you might need assistance with this.
- 4) After you remove the cover and look inside (right side from the front) the damper motor is located there. Make a mental picture of exactly how it is mounted on it's bracket so you can get the new unit mounted the same way.
- 5) There are different slots and screw holes that the unit can be installed in and if you get it wrong, you'll still have the 59 second problem.

I have replaced the damper motor on 7 or 8 microwaves in member coaches successfully.

Art, '05 Imperial

Installing a Microwave/Convection Oven

I have purchased a thru wall vent kit and am trying to remove the Sharp Oven. After removing the filter screens I found the sharp bolt/screw to release the unit along with 2 Monaco screws thru the side of the sharp cabinet and into the cabinet framing. Removed the Monaco screws and loosened the Sharp screw/bolts and the unit moves slightly. If the Sharp screw/bolts are removed does the unit fall, swing down? Then what? Directions please.
Joe

I didn't know Monaco was putting screws in from the side but the standard is two screws down from the top through the bottom of the cabinet above. That is what Sharp intended.
Bill

I have installed (or replaced) or helped remove about 10 microwaves in the past few years. Some were with a MW in place and others were upgrades to Range Hoods. I will offer this.

1) MOST have the screws or bolts from the top. The Screw or Bolt locations will vary. I do not think there is a VESA standard....but could be wrong. They vary from model to model and from year to year within the same brand. If the screws do not have large fender washers, get some to spread the load.

2) It is sometimes necessary to glue in a reinforcing plate, usually 3/8 plywood, under the cabinet shelf if you have to redrill or move the location bolts. The 1 3/4" hole for the plug is not that critical....and you can vary from the template..... but LOOK at the top.

3) The last one was in a 45 YO Town House and the paper thin hardboard shelf inside the upper cabinet was not, IMO, adequate....and over the years, the venting had changed and it looked like a beaver had chewed out the holes. SO, I put in a piece of 1/2" Birch plywood and dared it to move a nanometer, it did not. Looks as good as any that I have done. I DID reinforce the flimsy shelf with some ledger brackets so support it all the way around.

4) This last one was a mid to top of the line SS Whirlpool. It was the lightest one yet. It was around 65 pounds and my wife and I easily hooked it over the wall bracket and lifted it place....and got the screws started.

5) The Induction units WILL BE HEAVIER. The GE Advantium weighs close to 90 pounds....it would probably require a bit more arm strength.

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6) Typically, if you cut some 2 X 4's about 15 ½" or so, that will work. The standard Front of the MW will be around 17 ½ and the bottom or the base as you move back will be about 16 ½....at least that was what it was on the Whirlpool.....suspect it is about the same as there is a loose industry standard on clearance.

7) have NEVER pulled my Sharp nor measured the clearance....so DO THAT. Gene pulled his for some upgrades and also to vent it outside. He stated, if I recall, that it was top mounted and swung down. This was the standard Sharp Induction unit..

8) Gene ordered the vent kit from Tiffin as he had ordered one from a supplier (maybe Amazon). He compared it to the one on a neighboring Tiffin (memory) and then decided to get the OEM Tiffin. He had little difficulty.... other than having the courage to drill through the wall....in the outside vent installation. He found a supplier that would custom mix (from the Monaco Paint Codes) an aerosol can of the color where he cut and then sprayed it to match. He is a stickler about such (as are most of us) and was pleased with the results. Really looked first class.

9) IF you do NOT have any type of Surge Suppressor, then find a high quality Cube (single Outlet) at Ace or such. I can NOT recommend the Utiltech at Lowes as their sourcing is going to the absolute LOWEST bidder and the quality varies from product to product. Purchase a name brand....pay a little more....it is worth it. If you have an HW50C, you are good to GO. Your Genny will have clean power....as well as the inverter. Tom

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Bob, '09 42' Scepter

The R-1874-F that Monaco used in 2009 had two angled bolts to the back plate....which was a big sucker....total wall style. The bolts were inside the grease traps.

Monaco also used some extra bolts on the side....and you have to dig for them. NOT CALLED OUT or DISCUSSED in the Normal Sharp MW manual. Had to remove the interior, thin cabinet walls or covering. These, I guess, were because of the vibration from rolling down the highway....definitely NOT standard Home.

The Sharp is a lightweight @ 71 pounds compared to the GE Advantium @ 86#. It has a flat "U" bracket (same as the normal GE's) and is attached at 4 points. It does have 3 or 4 (model dependent) self centering or drop down bolts. This is

to compensate for the added weight.....because most MW's only have 2 top bolts. Special back up plate (under the normal U shaped stock mount) may be required for mounting....Don't know.

Don't know what the "security" fix is for the Advantium (side bolts or maybe the 3 or 4 are sufficient) to give it MORE rigidity or structural integrity when mounted in a Motor Home... Tom

The Sharp Carousel II Conv. MW all mount to a 3/32" aluminum back plate that is screwed to the back wall behind the MW with some of the screws going into the studs. Where there is a cabinet overhead then there are two screws down from the top. With no overhead cabinet then there are sometimes screws in from one side or both. The GE Advantium is mounted differently but I am not positive of the details as I am with the Sharp so I'll not comment on that one. Bill



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Ten Years and Counting

At the 2004 MS, Larry Laursen, the incoming President, asked me if I would be interested in doing the Newsletter. When I said, "Yes," Neither he nor I had no idea that more than ten years later I would still be producing the Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter.

While the MS continues year after year in a similar format with yearly updates and improvements, the RV business and Holiday Rambler have changed radically, who thought ten years ago that the RV business would take a severe downturn, HR would have two new and different new owners, coaches would look different, and the factory would move out of Wakarusa and Oregon? Throughout the rough patches, the Ramblin' Pushers remained steady with 100% volunteers working with whoever owned HR and producing a dynamic MS each year.

Ben and I had just begun fulltiming at the beginning of 2003, after having two other motorhomes and a 1969 towable, and attended our first MS in 2003. With our first diesel coach, the MS was just what we needed to learn how to take care of this complex coach. We had no idea we would still be fulltiming in 2015 having traveled to all forty-eight states in the lower US and five Canadian provinces. So, when Larry asked me to do the newsletter, he must have known the volunteer job would work well with fulltiming and our other volunteer and paid jobs.

Some challenges during the first years included electronic ones. We accessed the Internet with the StarTak cell phone with crawling dial up service we had gotten in August of 2000. Remember the cell phones with green print on black screens? Imagine trying to upload a newsletter with dial up! Were we crazy? We did not know the difference because no faster service was available and the newsletter was only twelve to fourteen pages long with no photos. Soon, we had the new "broadband 3g" Internet service which only worked if you were in an area that had 3g service. Otherwise we had dial up speed. Now, that type of service seems archaic.

Not only did Internet get faster, but computers did too along with the software used to produce the Newsletter and printer capabilities. I learned more about all of those and how to better design an attractive, informative newsletter in less than twenty-five days.

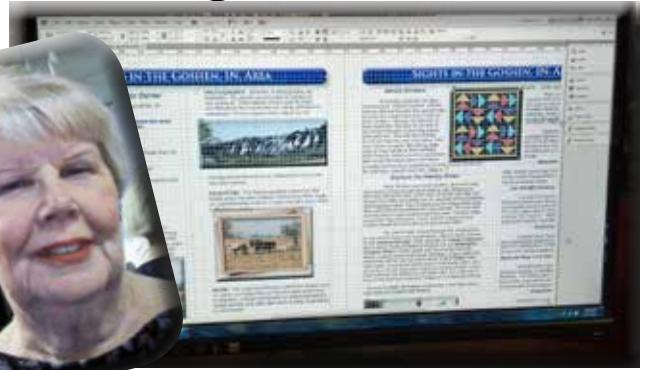
During those ten years, we not only traveled and volunteered at public facilities, but later worked full time for seven months of the year for five years working for Trailer Life Directory visiting campgrounds.

Our son remarried, our seven grandchildren grew up with the youngest three in college and the oldest two married and working. They all traveled with us at times during those ten years and loved

traveling as much as we did. Even now traveling is in our blood as we continue to travel. We have our second diesel coach (after keeping the old 2000 Endeavor for twelve years) which required learning new technical information as coaches changed. And I continue to learn as I produce the Newsletter while we travel.

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I had no idea that more than ten years later I would still be producing the Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter.



*Betsy Brock #86187
Newsletter Publisher
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HomelessGypsies*

Producing the Newsletter is a joy and a challenge each quarter. Without help from Board Members, MS Chairmen, and many others sending in articles, all the standing committee chairmen who work 12 months out of the year, the Newsletter would not be nearly so good. My thanks and appreciation go out to them.

Today, the Newsletter is thirty-six pages mailed to members or downloaded in a color PDF version available on www.ramblinpushers.org for those who travel the US as we do. Many read the Newsletter on their iPads or Android tablets. In addition, all past issues to 2008 are on the website. How far we have come.

I enjoy a challenge and enjoy working with computers. I can produce the Newsletter where ever we are located. I just email the Newsletter to the printer. They print, address, and mail it all. They do the hard work, and I do the fun part. I consider doing the Newsletter a challenge to keep my mind alert, flexible, and creative! I first worked in journalism in high school working on the daily newspaper and the yearbook. That was 60 years ago! You never know what will come around again..

But, as we age, we do slow down. We do not know how much longer we can travel long distances as we now do. And, it is time for me to pass the Newsletter on to someone else. **Would that be you?** We really need someone to take up the Newsletter so it will continue. I have loved doing it and would be pleased to help someone else learn the ropes and get started doing the Newsletter their way. Two people could even work together. Working with the Officers and Board also helps keep you in touch with what is currently happening. Happy Travels and See you down the road.

Motorhome Safety



Dean Yoesting
Safety Coordinator

There is never a month, week, or day that each of us must be reminded of the importance of operating and maintaining a safe RV. Whether we are taking our Coach out of its winter storage area for the trip to the Annual MS, traveling across the states to attend a Rally, or just visiting a RV Park down the road, safety must be at the top of our checklists. The Ramblin' Pushers has as its goal"

"...to provide information to our members to help them SAFELY and properly operate and maintain...our diesel motor homes..."

My goal with these articles is to provide some safety tips as a reminder of those important safety items we must consider.

Freeway Travel

When you merge onto or off the freeway, remember that you have slower acceleration and will therefore need more space. Always remember that the freeway travelers have the right of way. We need to look for a larger gap among traffic to put your coach and toad. If you do not have enough space you could oversteer or skid and lose control of your rig. Also remember that when you make a right hand turn, especially with a toad behind your coach, you must make a wide right turn to clear the curb, pedestrians, or power pole on that corner. Do not make that turn until you are pulled far enough forward to reach the middle of the lane into which you are turning. Remember, in your Diesel coach, you are sitting forward of the front wheels and this makes turning a lot more challenging than turning your car into that curb lane.



Turns and Curves

For left turns or around left curves, stay to the right side of the lane to prevent the back of the rig from tracking into the oncoming lane of traffic. On right curves you would stay near the



center line to keep your rig tracking within the lane. RVs have a high center of gravity so turning corners and taking curves must be done at slower speeds to prevent swaying. Slow down before entering the curve to help you maintain better control of your coach.

Campground Safety

When you are camped at a recreation area it is important to be aware that you and your possessions are vulnerable to criminal activity. As more and more people get RVs, the possibility increases for someone to want your possessions.



This winter, there were over 30 bikes stolen over a 3 months period with 1100 park models and RVs parked in the Resort where we stayed. In talking with the police they recommended that a heavier bike cable be used that is less capable to be cut with a cable cutter. Thieves came into the park, over the wall and cut small cables near the locks. So far the thieves are not getting into the bins under the coach, but many of us carry a lot of tools in our coach and they could be easy targets. Over many years, none of us have had problems at the parks where we stay, but we are seeing more and more instances of criminal activities in the parks.

2015 MS

The 2015 MS in early May will have a number of sessions on RV safety you should consider attending. Look through the Program Book when you arrive to select sessions addressing safety issues. A key safety session will be the Driving Seminar, both in the classroom and behind a coach wheel.

Also, please remember that the Ramblin' Pushers has a memorial on the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds in memory of our Chapter members who have lost their lives in the past. Please be safe as you travel throughout this beautiful country.

*See Recall
Information on
p. 35*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STATEMENT

The Board of Directors Expands Sister Ship Participation

Fellow Ramblin' Pushers and "Sister Ships" to include American Coach Brands:

As many of you know we have raised the standard of the yearly Maintenance Session (MS) known as a premier event and actually a one of a kind event throughout the Diesel Motor Coach community. The Ramblin' Pushers Board of Directors has again evaluated current business conditions and costs to keep these standards during our just completed 2015 Mid Year Board meeting. We've concluded that ***further specific actions*** beyond that which we took last year in including Monaco Brands, "Sister Ships," to the MS must be taken to ensure our future success.

As a direct result of our parent club's further loss of members, we too have now had our Ramblin' Pushers membership drop below 600 members from last year's 700 members. Our MS registration numbers for the 2015 MS are projected to drop to 230 registrations. The Board continues to be very concerned about these declines in member numbers and attendees at the annual MS.

As our numbers decrease, cost will escalate, and our ability to provide a quality MS (*i.e. fewer Vendors, less Corporate support, less Dealer support, fewer Seminars, etc.*) will diminish.

To guide us through these difficult times the Board has established the following ***Vision Statement:***

"We see our Chapter/Club as the premier resource for the safe operation, maintenance, and enjoyment of diesel motor coaches. We will accomplish this through maintenance sessions, newsletters, electronic forums, websites, social media, and other new technology as it becomes available."

- 1) One goal that we must achieve to fulfill this vision is to deliver the highest quality Maintenance Session possible.***
- 2) With fewer than 300 coaches attending, we find it increasingly difficult to attract top-notch seminar presenters, vendors, dealers, and service providers.***
- 3) To increase attendance we have opened participation to coaches from other brands within the Monaco and ARG family.***
- 4) To complete this goal and assure the survivability of the chapter, membership***

restrictions imposed by HRRVC must end no later than the General Membership Meeting at the 2016 Maintenance Session.

Based on the above, the Ramblin' Pushers Board of Directors has decided to initiate ***further action*** to address this new Vision and Goals and the continued decline in membership and attendees to the MS.

- Specifically we have decided to open up the 2015 MS to additional "Sister Ship" brands i.e. American Coaches, which is part of the parent company for Holiday Rambler and Monaco brands i.e. Allied Recreational Group (ARG).
- This invitation to the MS will be extended as we have for the Monaco brands at the non-member rate as defined on the registration form.
- Additionally, registrations will be handled as we already do for our members as it relates to parking, and they will be parked based on the registration date.

As many of you know, Holiday Rambler has "Sister Ship" diesel motor coaches in ARG. They can benefit from the information we've all learned to be so valuable in the operation and maintenance of our diesel motor coaches during our MS. This will allow this other ARG Brand to be seamlessly integrated into MS activities.

I encourage our members, to extend an invitation to all friends and acquaintances that may have one of these Sister Ship ARG brands listed above for the 2015 MS. Please ask them to submit their Registration on the same Form we've been using and to clearly identify what type of ARG brand they own.

Remember this invitation is only being extended to ARG Brand "Sister Ship" diesel motor coach owners i.e. American Coach, Beaver, Monaco and Safari owners.

Sister Ship coaches please use the 2015 MS Registration Form on our Website (www.ramblinpushers.org) for these Registrations and be sure to include your model name of coach and register as a Non Member.

***Respectfully,
Ramblin' Pushers Board of Directors***

2015 MS APPLICATION

Ramblin' Pushers

2015 Maintenance Session

If you own a Holiday Rambler, Monaco, Beaver, Safari, & American Coach Diesel Motorhome, You are invited to attend.

May 1 – 6, 2015

Arrival Day April 30th
Early Parking April 29th

Goshen, Indiana – GPS: N41.8807 W85.8007
General Information

You will leave better educated about the Use, Care, Safety and Maintenance of your coach

Location: Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds
17746-D CR 34, Goshen, Indiana 46528

Early Parking Day: April 29th and extra \$18

Arrival Day: April 30th and extra \$18

Please don't arrive earlier than Early Parking Day!!!

Need more information?

Visit our Website at www.ramblinpushers.org or call 866-208-7411

Your Parking Area will be based on the date your registration is postmarked.
So Register Early...!
To park together, you MUST register together and arrive together...

Handicap Parking
Only 20 handicap parking spaces are available and will be assigned based on when the registration is postmarked.

HRRVC assumes no responsibility or liability, nor is any Officer, National Director, or any other person authorized to assume any responsibility or liability for any personal injury or property damage suffered by its members and/or their family or guest in attendance at or on the road to or from this Maintenance Session or other HRRVC event.

Mail registration & check or Money Order to:
HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers 419
413 Walnut St., #5294
Green Cove Springs, FL
32043-3443

Return Form Below dotted line with Check or Money Order (MO) to this address

You should receive an e-mail about 3 weeks after mailing your registration confirming receipt. Pre-arrival packets will be distributed electronically to registered attendees in early April 2015.

Cancellations accepted prior to MS, subject to an admin. fee of \$10. Call 866-208-7411 or email to www.chap419.president@gmail.com to cancel.

Cut Here and Return Below Registration with Check or Money Order

Names _____ HRRVC# if Applicable _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____
Email _____

For Office Use ID No _____
Amount Paid _____
Check # _____
Date Postmarked _____

Coach Make _____ Coach Model _____ Year _____ Length _____ Engine Mfg _____
Coach Number _____ Coach Engine Number _____
(six digits)

REGISTRATION FEES: Check or MO payable to Ramblin' Pushers

Coach with 2 persons	\$195.00	_____
Coach with 1 person	155.00	_____
Extra Person in Coach, <u>Add</u>	50.00	_____
Non-Ramblin' Pusher Member, <u>Add</u>	20.00	_____
Early Parking Day – April 29 th , <u>Add</u>	18.00	_____
Arrival Day – April 30 th , <u>Add</u>	18.00	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (US Funds Only) \$ _____

Check, if applicable:

- First Timer
 Handicapped (Limit 19)*

* Attach a copy of your current handicapped parking permit to your registration.

Volunteers: Indicate your willingness to help at the Maintenance Session with a "Him", "Her" or "Both" below: **(NO CHECK MARKS PLEASE)**

First Aid _____ Engineering _____ Hospitality _____ Parking _____ Seminar Host _____ Tours _____ Evaluations _____ Office _____
Registration _____ Information/Transportation _____ Round Table Moderators _____ Mentors _____ Goody Bags Prep. _____ As Needed _____
Ladies Activities _____ Coach Weigh _____ Propane Sniffing _____ Audio/Visual _____ Outside Greetings _____ Book Exchange _____

MSN 2015 MS Registration 150122

Longtime Pusher Member?

We Need Your Stories, Memories, Photos

Help Share Your History & Memories With Others

We need your memories of early Pusher events for the 25th Anniversary. Would you please jot some of those down and send them to the Newsletter Publisher, Betsy Brock, for placement one of the next three Newsletters? We especially need early history, see p. 24.

b86187@aol.com

No need for correct, perfect spelling, complete sentences or grammar. We can edit your memories so they sound nice.

Have photos?

If you will loan them to us, we will scan the photos and return them to you.

Microwave Facts

(See also pages 14 - 19)

1. The Sharp Carousel Microwave / Convection oven (R-1870) is no longer manufactured.
2. Search the Internet for parts. Some are still available. Try Sears Parts.
3. The replacement Sharp is R-1875.
4. See comments on pp. 14-19, for removing and reinstalling the oven. Be sure to have help. They are very heavy.
5. Some replace the Sharp with a GE Advantium which seems to fit, is more expensive, is much heavier and adds an induction unit.
6. Most repairs require you to remove the oven from the wall – with help. Then you will need to reinstall the oven.
7. Take photos before, during, and after removal to help with reinstallation.
8. There are still a few appliance repair locations that will make repairs to your microwave convection oven – such as turntable pulley, damper motor, etc. or they may be easy to do yourself. Sears Parts has parts diagrams.
9. Monaco did not do standard installations on all coaches.
10. Some have been able to vent the oven to the outside. Do not cut holes until you are sure there is not a steel post, awning, window or other obstacle in the way.

How to Locate Your Coach Number

- Your “coach number” is on the wall behind the driver’s seat in a Monaco built coach.
- You will see two long numbers / letters there
- One is the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) and
- The other number is the Unit Serial # (USN)
- The last six digits of the USN are considered the “Coach Number.”
- The remaining digits refer to options on the unit and are not needed by Monaco to identify the coach for warranty and repair.

YOU'RE INVITED

2015 Maintenance Session, (See p. 21)

May 1 – 6, 2015

Early Parking April 29 – 30

Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS HISTORY

Ramblin' Pushers Beginnings

1990 - 2015

Founding

Two couples worked to get the Chapter chartered in Florida in 1990. The group was not very active until about 1995 when **Jim Dull** took over as President. Jim had been very active in Chapter 17, North Carolina. Jim helped to get the Chapter organized and active along with other members of NC Chapter 17. During this time the group did not have a Board of Directors, just president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

At first, the Pushers held rallies in the traditional sense with dinners, outings, and rotating locations. There were two meetings a year. One meeting was a rally and the other was a free meal and a Membership Meeting at the HRRVC International Rally where officers were elected.

In 1997 **Bob Wall**, now deceased, was elected President at the International Rally and took the group to Warner Robbins Park, Macon, Georgia, with twenty units attending. This proved to be a difficult choice of location since few techs would travel to Georgia. Rallies were held at Warner Robbins for two years.

Ron Brown, elected in 1998 and lives at the Great Outdoors in FL, took the group to Lazy Daze for the Rally. Ron was President for several years. Soon, Lazy Daze was not able to offer enough sites for the Rally so it was moved.

First Maintenance Session

A joint rally with Texas (State Rally) was held in 1999 to encourage more HR diesel owners from the middle to west to attend and join the group. This was the first Maintenance Session with tech sessions held. This did not prove to increase members.

In 2000, **Diane Gouge** was elected the first female president at the International Rally with Bruce Harris elected as Vice-President. That year the MS was held in Mobile, Alabama. Again, it was difficult to get suppliers to attend due to the distance from their factories.

For three years (2001, 2002, 2003), **Bruce Harris** served as President of the Pushers, and the



Ramblin' Pushers Past Presidents

Robert Miller	# 40082	1990
Dennie Massey	# 50438	1991
Rubin Baldivid	# 51352	1992
Skeets Cummingham	# 60998	1993, 1994
Jimmy Dull	# 27663	1995, 1996
Bill Wall	# 57670	1997, 1998
Ronald Brown	# 79083	1999, 2000
Diane Gouge	# 93479	2001, 2002
Bruce Harris	# 37208	2003, 2004
Larry Laursen	# 19685	2005
Charlie Wahler	# 75457	2006
Dick Reidenbach	# 102412	2007, 2008, 2009
John Miller	# 10928	2010, 2011
Roger Stickley	# 106217	2012, 2013, 2014



MS was held in Mobile in 2000, 2001, and 2002 under a three year contract.

First MS in Goshen

The officers decided to try to get more suppliers to attend and present sessions by scheduling the 2004 MS in Goshen, Indiana, at the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds staff was very helpful in arranging for a large group of motorhomes to park and for sessions to be held. The MS dates were set as the first week in May, officially Spring, but typically the end of Winter.

The first Business Meeting at a MS was in 2004 in Goshen. Unfortunately, Bruce had a medical emergency and spent the MS in the hospital. Larry Laursen, Vice-President and MS Event Coordinator took over and capably handled both duties. In addition, he scheduled all the sessions with techs and volunteers.

Throughout the first 14 years, all duties were handled by volunteers. That continues today.

Larry Laursen had some training as President before officially taking over in 2005. And, he ably led the Pushers throughout the year. (See Presidents above)

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS HISTORY

My personal connection to the Ramblin' Pushers began in 2000 when we purchased our 2000 Endeavor in Parker, AZ, north of Quartzsite, and we attended the 419 Pre-rally/ Maintenance Session before the HRRVC International Rally in Perry GA. There were about 20-30 coaches in attendance.

Larry Laursen Remembers Early Pushers Activities

eGroup Begins in 2000

In May of 2000, **Johnny Paul of Austin, TX** started the ramblin_pushers@Yahoogroups.com e-group and I joined in July. So that group is turning 15 years in 2015. The first year we had a total of about 250 messages. By 2005 we broke the 1000 message level. In 2008 there were nearly 2500 messages with the peak year of 2011 at nearly 5200. There are currently over 1100 members of the group, ten of whom started in 2000.

There is no way to tell if the individual accounts are active from the Yahoo site. Prior to about 2004, essential all the maintenance help information was handled by mailing request letters to Model coordinators for answers which would appear in the newsletter. This, of course, took considerable time for the exchange and relied on an individual to have all the answers for a model. Since 2005, all the maintenance information has come from the e-group and write ups from the maintenances session for the Newsletter. The e-Group provides a broad base of experience to help solve individual's problems.

Over the years there have been some notable occurrences:

- 1) An individual was in Alaska and the exhaust brake wouldn't release. This was caused by a bad ground in the taillights that caused power feedback to the exhaust brake circuit. The problem was solved while the owner was in Alaska and after he had spent >\$1000 dollars at a Cummins dealer.
- 2) More than once individuals lost engine power on their units. The cause was a plugged fuel filter in about +90% of the cases. Some owners had spent several hundred dollars at repair shops and only needed to replace the fuel filters. There have been many simple things like owners turning off lights or power from the generator without knowingly taking the action and

e-mailing for help only to be told to reset the circuit breakers or turn on a switch.

- 3) There have been significant actions with Monaco and the suppliers in which **Bob Wolnewitz**, one of the co-moderators, was able to work with them and get help for

owners at much reduced costs. **Ed Shaw** the other co-moderator has been active and has helped many with his experience from doing many projects on his coach and others.

- 4) **Art Conway** has been a significant contributor over the years, to the e-group, as MS coordinator for several years and members in general.

From a personal experience there are a few remembrances:

Parking at the 2002 or '03 rally in **Mobile AL** was a real challenge because it was very wet. Some of the coaches got stuck, and we had to park on dry spots as they came available. We had a pallet for a step at our coach to avoid stepping into water for several days. Parking in Goshen before the new sections became available because of the limited electricity available and the need for tight parking made many people wary.

In 2005, when then **President Bruce Harris** became sick 2 days before the beginning of the MS, I had to take over as Vice-president (Acting President) and Rally Coordinator. Thankfully, many others had experience, and we did okay.

2006 was the launching of the new 419 website that was the model for the HRRVC national website. **Maria Donnelly** was the designer, **Elaine Gillian**, **Alma Brethauer** and I helped.

*Larry Laursen
Past President, 2005
eGroup Co-Moderator*

Ramblin' Pushers
President's Phone Number
1-866-208-7411

Have you signed up to Volunteer at the 2015 MS?

MANUFACTURE RELATIONS



Dear Members of Chapter 419:

I wanted to take a moment of your day, to share with you how excited we are at headquarters about the upcoming Maintenance Session. As the Chapter celebrates its 25th anniversary, after several years of rumored new product offerings, we are thrilled to be unveiling two new high-end models at the 419 Maintenance Session this year! We know these products have been a long time coming for the Holiday Rambler brand. And we thank all of you who have hung in there with us.

The 2015 Ambassador made a splash in the entry level diesel market at retail shows last fall and has witnessed increasing sales, since that time. While the new Ambassador isn't the same animal that it used to be, our strategy is to welcome new buyers into the Holiday Rambler brand sooner, leveraging this iconic name at an entry level price point - which should translate to increased membership in the owners groups.

If you're ready to trade into a new Holiday Rambler, please join us in Goshen in May. This is one event you don't want to miss!

Wishing you safe travels until then,

Mike Snell

ASV & ARG's Leadership Team

- **John Draheim**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Lance Randolph**, Chief Financial Officer
- **John Lowry**, Chief Operating Officer
- **Mike Snell**, President, Monaco & Holiday Rambler;
- **Kyle McCrary** Senior VP, Product & Design;
- **Steve Heim** VP, Customer Experience
- **Steve Hileman** Director of Marketing
- **Giff Aiken** Director of Retail Services

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Decatur, IN

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Dial 443299 -- Tom Liechty

MANUFACTURE RELATIONS WITH GEORGE

ARG / HR Update with Mike Snell, Monaco RV President

We have begun the big task of coordinating with ARG and Freightliner for their sponsorship of many seminars you will be able to attend at our 2015 MS. We will be repeating the well received sessions from last year and hopefully introducing some new ones. We are very excited about ARG's introduction of two new high-end Holiday Rambler diesel pusher models that we haven't seen for a while.

Mike Snell and I are working to provide plant tours of the Decatur facilities. We are awaiting final ARG approval, but we expect to be able to provide a 50 passenger bus during early arrival on Wednesday afternoon and another bus on Thursday. All those who would like to take these tours will be able to sign-up prior to April 15th. Details for signing up will be sent out to registered attendees at a later date.

ARG will again be providing **discounted tech service and parts** for our MS attendees. We are working to add the event to the ARG Service Show Request website so that you can pre-register for service and parts. **There will NOT be an onsite parts truck this year.** The online sign-up ability should be available in late February or early March. We will send out the link once it is live.

George Coolidge
Manufacture Liason

Here is some update on recent ARG activity:

- 1) **Tim Sullivan** has been appointed as the new CEO of the Allied Specialty Vehicles (ASV). He has been very hands-on with the ARG RV group since joining the company.
- 2) Progress is being made toward establishing **new service centers**, but nothing I can report just yet.
- 3) ARG has added several **new Holiday Rambler dealers** since my last article. They are:
 - **Giant RV, Montclair, CA;**
 - **Dixie RV, Defuniak Springs, FL;**
 - **Paul Evert's RV, Indio, CA;**
 - **Campers Inn Boat N RV, Raynham, MA.**

Safe travels and I'll see you in Goshen.

George Coolidge
Manufacture Realtions Coordinator

Find - It - Now Parts Warehouse

<https://rvparts.argrv.com>

Need parts for your coach? Get OEM parts here.

ARG / Holiday Rambler RV Contact Information

Useful contacts for information regarding your motor home.

ARG / HR Tech Support	800.450.6336
ARG / HR RV – Indiana	800.650.7337
Cummins Customer Service	800.343.7357
Allison Customer Assistance	800.252.5283



RAMBLIN' PUSHERS ELECTION

2015 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee worked diligently to obtain nominations for the Officer and Board of Director positions open for 2015. The list of members being nominated for open positions is below.

At the General Membership Meeting during the 2015 Maintenance Session in Goshen, IN, members present will vote for Ramblin' Pushers officers.

Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor during the meeting for each office *providing*:

1. Each nominee is present at the meeting.
2. Meets the qualifications for the office.
3. Is in good standing with HRRVC and Ramblin' Pushers membership rules and dues.



The printed ballot distributed during the election will have space available for write-in candidates.

Office	Term	Nominee	HR #	State	
President	(1) Year Term	John Jones	114886	Georgia	
Vice-President	(1) Year Term	James Grossman	101983	Missouri	
Secretary	(1) Year Term	Harvey Payne	82966	Virginia	
Treasurer	(1) Year Term	Robert Kiser	107386	Florida	
Two Director Positions	2 Year Term 2 Positions	Vote for 2	Sarah Brooks	85414	Florida
		Larry Hawkins	101486	Florida	
		Paul Miller	113736	Virginia	

All nominees are in good standing with HRRVC, and Ramblin' Pushers memberships and are being placed in nomination for the specified offices. For your information, an article on each nominee is to the next page.

Respectfully Submitted,

: 2015 Nominating Committee
Renee, Butler, #105766 Chairperson
Ray Blush, #93727
Betsy Brock, #86187



Membership Meeting in Goshen

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS ELECTION

Profiles for 2015 Board of Directors Nominees



Office

Profile



President

John Jones – Candidate for President. Currently serving as Vice – President and 2015 Event Coordinator and previously served as 2014 MS Event Coordinator, 2013 Audio Visual Chairperson, and many other volunteer jobs. John is retired Director of Utilities for the City of Griffin Georgia. John's wife, Paulette, is very active in working on the 2015 MS. She is MS Program and Volunteer Chairperson. They have been members of the Ramblin' Pushers since 2008.



Vice-President

James "Jim" Grossman – Candidate for Vice-President served as 2014 and 2015 Educational Program Coordinator, 2012 Mentoring Chairman, 2013 Seminars and Scheduling Chairman, and 2011 Mentor. Jim was founder and President and is retired from Update Systems, a designer and manufacturer of electronic controls. Jim and his wife, Jane, have been members of the Ramblin' Pushers since 2007. Jane has held several MS positions and served 2 years on the Board.



Secretary

Harvey Payne – Candidate for Secretary was raised in Maryland and now lives in Wattsville, Virginia, on the Eastern Shore enjoying the breathtaking scenery when not traveling. Harvey has RVed since 1990 and owned a HR product since 1996. Since 2005, he and his wife, Mary, have attended the annual MS sessions. Traveling and meeting new friends on their journeys is a great enjoyment to them. They have been married for twenty-eight years and have four children living near them. Harvey worked in food service sales retiring from Sysco Food Services as VP of Military Sales.



Treasurer

Robert L. Kiser – Candidate for Treasurer – is a retired CPA and worked for thirty – two years as an internal auditor for North Carolina state agencies, i.e., state supported universities, colleges, and community colleges. He investigated fraud and abuse and embezzlement allegations recommending appropriate action to the State Bureau of Investigation while also auditing county Clerks of Superior Court in statewide North Carolina.



Board of Directors

Sarah W. Brooks – Candidate for the Board of Directors - along with her husband, Dempsey, has attended all Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Sessions since 1995. She served as the Pushers Treasurer in 2001 to 2003, for five years chaired the Membership Committee, and for twelve years has presented the "Decorating Cents" program at 12 MSs. Sarah and Dempsey, originally from North Carolina, now live in Florida. Sarah has held many volunteer positions in HRRVC and was awarded the Hitch Pin and Sway Ball Awards for service. She loves to attend Cat Shows and spend time with their 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



Board of Directors

Larry Hawkins – Candidate for Secretary - has been a member of the Ramblin' Pushers for 12 years. He and his wife, Marg, have been full timers since 2005 and have been part of a mobile missionary group called Servant On Wheels Ever Ready (SOWERS) since 1999. They have attended five Maintenance Sessions and four International Rallies and are members of Chapter 400 as well as Chapter 419. Larry previously served as the Ramblin' Pushers secretary and is familiar with Pusher administration and actions. In addition, he has served as the Chapter Chaplin and will again assume this responsibility for the 2015 MS.



Board of Directors

Paul Miller (H/R #113736) - Candidate for the Board of Directors has volunteered at several previous Maintenance Sessions for the Security/Information Team and the Engineering Team. At the 2014 MS he was Chairman of the Engineering Team and will do the same in 2015. His wife Joyce has volunteered in several areas and is heading up the book exchange in 2015. Paul & Joyce have been members of Chapter 419 for 6 years and have attended 6 Maintenance Sessions.

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS CHAPTER INFORMATION

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS FINANCIAL SUMMARY 12/31/2014



BANK ACCOUNTS

Deposits: Chase Bank Checking	\$ 11,732
Deposits: Chase Bank Savings	\$ 70,536
Deposits: First State Bank-Middlebury	\$ -
Deposits: Fifth Third Bank. Elkhart	\$ -
Total Deposits	\$ 82,268
Less Operating Reserve	
Less Dues Reserve	\$ (1,080)
Less MS 2015 registrations	\$ (41,318)
Add MS 2014 Expenses Prepaid	\$ 3,293
Net Funds Available	\$ 43,163

No Liabilities

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES -YTD

INCOME: Dues, Sales	\$ 8,376
EXPENSES	\$ 15,367

NET OP. INCOME AND EXPENSES - YTD \$ (6,991)

2014 MAINTANANCE SESSION

INCOME	
Donations	\$ 10,500
Coach Weighing	\$ 1,840
Registrations (net)	\$ 73,288
Sponsore & Vendors	\$ 10,463
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 338
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 96,429

EXPENSES	
Adminstration & Supplies	\$ 3,920
Equipment Purchases	\$ 390
Fairgrounds, Equipment & Services	\$ 47,808
Golf Carts	\$ 6,639
Hospitality	\$ 18,840
Programs, printing, signs	\$ 2,066
Refunds	\$ 11,394
Storage Facility	\$ 1,709
Vendor Costs	\$ 3,470
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 96,236

NET MS 2014 I & E 192

Transactions posted on "Cash" basis.

Bank accounts reconciled through 6/30/2014

A full report will be submitted to board.

If you have any questions, please contact the
Treasurer at Chap419.Treasurer@Yahoo.com
Paul Englund, Treasurer

Tow Bar: A Cautionary Tale

We use a Roadmaster Falcon 2 tow bar and baseplate to pull a Honda CR-V toad. An incident occurred yesterday that that could have had serious consequences and therefore bears sharing with the group. We were traveling, our last stop enroute was at a fuel stop. I checked the tire temps on the coach and toad and gave the tow bar a shake. All appeared to be well. A couple of hours later we arrived at our destination. As we were arriving after dark, I didn't see the first speed bump approaching and went over it somewhat faster than I would have liked (maybe 25 mph instead of 10). It made a noticeable jolt and I could see in the rear view camera that the tow arms articulated vertically as the coach and car pitched over the bump.

A short time later we stopped to unhook the toad and I discovered that the padlock I had used instead of a linch pin had sheared off and gone missing. Nothing else appeared to be damaged. I would generalize my experience to the rest of the group to this extent. I would caution everyone to check the integrity of any tow bar as soon as possible after any event that might be considered unusually stressful for the system. The tow bars themselves are strong, but the safety pins that there to keep things from falling apart and are never intended to carry a load might be damaged in a situation such as the one I described.

Roger, '06 Endeavor,

Not only the "non stress" parts need close attention, but all parts need close monitoring every time you hook or unhook. A nearby neighbor lost their tow car in traffic recently due to shearing the 5/8" hitch pin in the coach receiver. Just shows, you never know when.....

Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

Your problem can exist with many different tow arrangements. I recommend that everyone check the full range of up and down motion of their tow bar and observe how the padlocks or locking pins move. I found that on our Roadmaster tow bar, any extreme angle (like you experienced going over the speed bump) could result in binding and breaking the padlocks I was using. This can occur on any steep approach or departure angle, as one usually follows the other.

I have stopped using the padlocks and gone back to the linch pins. Linch pins allow much more movement before binding. I have lost the "security" of the padlocks but gained the "safety" of reduced chance of breakage. I always check the linch pins (along with everything else) before leaving from any stopping place.
Les

One more thing to check: The yoke at the front of the tow bar. I backed into a VERY solid stone wall in Yosemite after unhooking my Tacoma (long story). Scratches to the Roadmaster Sterling tow bar, but no other visible damage.

When I got home I examined the tow bar closer and found that the yoke at the front of the tow bar was loose and worn out. This was not caused by the block wall, just wear. I have one of the very first Sterling tow bars. Roadmaster will repair them for not much money. When I got my tow bar back, it was the upgraded version and the only parts that weren't new were the outside tube. Roadmaster customer support gets my vote!

Another note: Roadmaster has been doing maintenance on all Roadmaster tow bars at the Quartzsite RV show. It has been free.

Bob, '05 Ambassador

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Ramblin' Pushers Officers welcome your input. Please email them with your comments.

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Director	Hugh Skidmore	hsscubadoc@bellsouth.net	FL	116246
Director	Jim West	jrwest@fuse.net	OH	117173

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2014- 2015 Ramblin' Pushers Officers & Board

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| 3. Supplies and accessories | 6. Chassis/Engine Service | 10. RV Wash Service |
| | 7. Overnight Parking | |

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Models: All HR Diesel Models

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Models: Vacationer, Ambassador, Endeavor

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**SAFETY
ISSUES**

Recall - Some 2015 HR Ambassador Vehicles

Allied Recreation Group announced a manufacturer's recall for

**2015 HR Ambassador vehicles
manufactured August 7, 2014 to October
23, 2014.**

On the affected vehicles, **a seat pedestal mounting support bracket may not have been installed according to engineering specifications.**

The **seat pedestal can cause the seat to detach from the floor, failing to retain the occupant and increase the risk of occupant injury in the event of a Vehicle crash.**

Owners may contact ARG customer service at **1-800-509-3417**. ARG's number for the recall is **141117ARG**.

WHAT: **RECALL 2015 HR Ambassador
motorhomes,
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Oct 23, 2014**

HOW: **Call ARG Customer Service at
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- * Day Brothers Auto & RV Sales, LLC
- * Giant RV of Montclair, CA
- * Giant RV of Marietta, CA
- * Mellott Brothers, Inc.
- * Motor Home Specialist
- * Paul Evert's RV Country-Fresno, CA
- * Paul Evert's RV Country-Coberg, OR
- * Paul Evert's RV Country-Fife, WA
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- * RV World of Lakeland
- * RV World of Nokomis
- * Sicard RV
- * Veurinks RV Center

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- * Cummins Crosspoint LLC
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- * Custom Coach Connection
- * Eagle's Pride RV, Inc.
- * Elkhart Sales & Service, Inc.
- * Elkhart Service & Collision
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- * Lee Smith, Inc.
- * Lloyd DeGerald Services
- * Master Tech RV
- * RV Systems, Inc.